

**Decision Record
and
Finding of No Significant Impact
for
Alaska Railroad Corporation**

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize the proposed noncompetitive mineral material sale to the Alaska Railroad Corporation for the Alaska Railroad Corporation Track Realignment Project, Section 35, T. 14 N., R. 3 W., Seward Meridian. This decision incorporates, by reference, the attached stipulations.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The Alaska Railroad Corporation is proposing to realign approximately ten miles of railroad track on Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson. The purpose of the track realignment is to improve safety of railroad operations, reduce travel time, improve the level of current service, and reduce operating cost.

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

The Proposed Action will not result in any undue or unnecessary degradation, and it is in compliance with the Southcentral Planning Area MFP which was signed March 1980.

IV. Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Section 810 Compliance:

The Proposed Action has been found to be in compliance with Section 810 of ANILCA.

V. Compliance and Monitoring Plan:

The site shall be inspected after reclamation is completed to assure compliance with the submitted restoration and remediation plan. Before and after cross sectional surveys will be required to verify volume of materials removed.

Stu Hirsh, Acting
Anchorage Field Manager

July 17, 2001
Date

Stipulations
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1. The site will be reclaimed as described in Sections 2.4.1 through 2.4.4 in the attached Native Revegetation Restoration Plan.
2. Any topsoil removed from the site will be stored and kept for recontouring as per Section 2.4.1 and 2.4.2
3. Slope gradients created that exceed 1.5 to 1 will be seeded using hydroseed and dry seed methodology. Lupine, Bering Hair Grass, Red Fescue (Arctared), and Annual Ryegrass seed can be locally acquired through Alaska Mill and Feed, Dick Baldwin Nursery and Plant Material Center. The entire site will be reseeded using the dry seed method using the above seed mixture applied at 2.5 pounds per thousand square feet.
4. Care will be taken to minimize disturbance in areas outside of the site boundaries. Should disturbance take place, reclaim/revegetate those areas affected using the same reclamation standards.
5. Should potentially hazardous waste or contaminated soils be found during excavation, all excavation activity shall cease until the waste can be assessed and specific permission given to restart excavation activities.